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of Christ coming to Judgement,

the Apostles preached the Gospel according
to all the world that was then ha-
bitable as known, as (at least) in the
most famous, populous, and known coun-
tries, kingdoms, and cities of it, so that
from hence either by the Apostles, Dis-
ciples, or the Evangelists, or by others, it
might be brought from thence unto the
most obscure, unknown, and barbarous
nations. (Such as are America, and the
South parts of the world) Col. 1. 6. and
23. Rom. 10. 18. Lastly, the ancient and
learned Fathers of the Christian Church,
as Origen, Jerome, Ambrose, &c. make
express mention in their writings of the
universal calling and enlightning of all
nations, and therefore no such solemn
and universal legacy is now the German
time to be expected, seeing that the Apo-
stolical calling and gifts are ceased, and
seeing that the Gospel is passed from Ju-
dea, and from the East, to the South to
the Churches; from the South it hath
made its progress to the West, that is, to
the Latines; and from the West, to the
North, that is, to the Germans, and o-
ther adjoining countries; yet we may
not, but it may, though not universally,

Gal. 3. 23.

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ne p. 101. p.

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you're looking for the remarkable subject
is there a really holy warlike place
as found perhaps in the Republic of
the United States, or perhaps, or (at
least) they are really are something, or
perhaps the mystery of inquiry are finally
concerning the American and the world
and all. Apple, 12, 13 and 14.

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THESE THINGS BEING IN THE EARNEST AND
SINCERE OF HEART: for the day of the
Lord (saith the Apostle) shall not come
except first this man of sin be disclosed,
whose secret Taints shall be made manifest
being such Antichrist and his works
and signs, whose PAUL saith, that
they are men of corrupt minds, reprobate
conscience, and without feeling concerning the faith, and that they shall
pretend no longer to have knowledge of God.

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II.

That which is to come long ago, when the seven angels in the Apocalypse blew the trumpet, blew the great waters (the oceans and the rivers), as the waters of the Euphrates, fell from heaven burning like a torch, and it fell into the third part of the waters, and fell into the foundations of man's, and made them bitter. The earth being made bitter by the preaching

of Christs coming to Iudgement.

of the time (seem yet sufficient) witnesses
in the Apocalyps. and by the first, second, Apoc. 11.
and third Angel in the 14 of the same A-4 5.6.
pocalyps, that is to say, by all the school-
least teachers, Preachers, and Ministers
since Martin Luther his time, namely,
from the year of Christ about 1520, untill
this present time. To conclude, the
description of Antichrist, and whatsoever
the Prophets and Apostles have foretold
of Antichrist, they in all things agree to
every Word of Mark and him only, since
the death of Gregory the Great, and since
the death of the Emperor Maurice, as
 hath bene demonstrated by many here-
tofore both English and foreign Ministers:
and touching this argument, you and the
whole mystery of the Manly Antichrist,
a learned countrie-man of our shire hath
purposely, learnedly, and succinctly writ-
ten in his Theologicall disputations de
Antichristo & ejus ecclesia.

The fourth and last sign, yet in motion, Rom. 8.
and not perfectly fulfilled, but so continue
unto the worlds end, is the vanitie, cor-
ruption and abuse of the creatures, which
hath continued from Adams fall, and doth
and shall increase by degrees unto the

consummation of all things. The Elements (as we may observe) of fire, ayre, water and earth, are corrupted, distempered, and often times very hurtfull and contagious to mankind and other creatures. In plants, trees, herbes, there is not the same vigor, efficacy and vertue that was wont to be, the earth is become more barren and unfruitfull; the sea more distempered and tempestuous, often breaking his bounds, and encroaching vpon the firme continent, the sunne and moone, the worlds two eyes, more oftentimes and fearefully eclipsed then in former times, yea the sunne, as also the stars (as the most excellent Astronomers haue noted) moue much more unequally, and are remooued greatly from their former standings. And as for men, we full well know, and are taught, by reading scripture, & experience, that they are not so long lined, nor of that goodly tall and strong constitution of body, as in former ages.

But some may obiect and say, this shortness of mans life & decay of his strength is notably supplied by a gilite of mind and pregnancy of wit, capacite, inuention :

tion: I answer. This is most true: and
 Gods name is to be glorified for it, but
 yet men neuer more abused and peruer-
 ed their wits & capacities then in these
 daies; for commonly the more witty men
 are, the more wicked, the more politike,
 the more pestilent; and the more under-
 standing that they haue, the more hereti-
 call, Banisticall and Atheisticall they do
 prooue. To leaue man and to come to
 buildings, houses, apparell, what vanitie,
 what superfluitie and excesse, what follie
 and pride doth not herein appeare? For
 buildings, that in time past serued only
 for defence and necessity, and therefore
 were made very strong and durable; are
 now for the most part in many places,
 builded (albeit with excessive cost as the
 poore tenants can testifie) yet lightly,
 and more for shew then for substance, and
 for pompe then profit. And garments and
 apparell which naturally serueth to hide
 mans nakednesse, and to defend him from
 cold, and (to make the best of it) to serue
 for comelineesse and distinction of degrees:
 is used now ordinarily, as an ensigne of
 pride, serueth for hyanery and ostenta-
 tion, more then for any kinde of profit,
 dura.

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durablenesse of commonwealths advantage. And thus we see, that as the world doth decay and decline in the parts, so it doth and shall in the whole.

The fourth signe, is the shaking, weakening, wounding, and consuming of Antichrist and his kingdome in many kingdomes, countries, and cities, by the breath
2 Theſ. 1. 8 of Gods mouth: that is, by the powerfull and continuall preaching of the Gospell, as also by the materiall sword of Christian Kings, Princes, and Magistrates, in their severall dominions, though not all at one time, yet successively, Apoc. 16. 6. and 17. 16. and 18. 6. and so it shall bee more and more ruinated and decayed, untill the burning and desolation of Romish Babylon.

The fifth
signe.

The fifth signe is grievous calamities and persecutions of Gods Prophets, Saints, and Servants under Antichrist, especially these 100 yeares last past, of which (perhaps) Daniel, chap. 2. 15. and 8. 34. Apoc. 11. 35. & 13. 15. 16. 17. Lastly in Rome hath bene found the blood of the Prophets, and of the Saints, & of all that were slaine upon the earth, of these it is
Apoc. 18.
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Psal. 44. 22. verified that the Psalmist saith, for thy sake

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are we slaine continually, and are counted
as sheepe for the slaughter: & that which
our Saviour foretold, saying, They
shall excommunicate you: yea the time Ioh. 16. 2.
shall come, that whosoever killeth you,
will thinke that hee doth God good ser-
uice: the reason herof in respect of Anti-
christ and his adherents, is because they
cannot endure the ransacking and resu-
ting of their idolatry, false doctrine, the
Popes supremacy, and their sole super-
stitions and antichristian rites, ceremo-
nies, and traditions. But we hope that
these troubles are for the most part past,
and that towards the end of the world
shall be well abated, so that the Church as
of late yeares, shall haue a further brea-
thing time, and thus much Marke seem-
eth to signifie, Marke 13. 7.

And thus much of the signes perfectly,
and many of them long since accom-
plished.

The second sort of signes and forecum-
ners are those that are in continuall
act, namely, partly fulfilled, and partly to
be further performed in their times. Of
this sort are first an apostasie and depar-
ture

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sure of many pastors & people from faith &
 sound doctrine to Antichristianisme, Tur-
 cisme, yea and plain Atheisme. 1. Thes. 2.
 3. 1. Tim. 1. 4. 3. Pet. 2. ve. 1. 2. 3.
 Apoc 13. ve. 16. et. 17. But under the
 tyranny of the Romish Antichrist & Ma-
 homer this general Apostasie and falling
 away from truth and wholesome doctrine
 hath long agoe bene verified, yet not so
 but that daily wee see it by lamentable ex-
 perience continued, and so it shall moze
 and moze be encreased vnto the end of
 the world: for many that haue renounced
 Antichrist, fall to flat Atheisme and Li-
 bertinisme and some againe reuert and
 reuolt to their former superstition out of
 which they were for the time and in part
 recovered, of these speaketh the scripture
 in many places, Hebrews 6. vers. 20. 4. 5.
 6. 2 Tim. 4. ver. 3. 4. 7. Peter 2. vers. 20. 21.
 and it shall so abound and overflow at
 Luke 18. 8. Christ his second coming, that he shall
 hardly finde faith on the earth, and no
 miracle, for as there haue bene, yet doe,
 and alwaies shall arise false prophets,
 seducers, Deceivers (succesfully) in
 many countries, kingdomes and places,
 so many shall follow their damnable
 wayes

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wayes and be blinded by them.)

2. Pet. 1. 25

The second signe partly past and partly present and to come, is a generall impietie, corruption of manners, and impudency in all manner of sinne, still (like Noah his generall deluge) preuayling in most places, the particular effects whereof we as in a catalogue may read and obserue in Paul his first Epistle to Timothy chapter the third, v. 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. And hereof in our alone Kingdome we haue had fearfull experience, especially within these yeares late past, as though God had granted a general indulgence to all manner of licentiousnesse, and as though hell were by his loose: and this profanenesse and corruption of manners in all places of the world, yet continueth and shalbe much more vniuersall and contagious neare the time of Christ his second coming Luk. 17. 26. Math. 24. 38. and hereof there is and shalbe more feare then of corruption in doctrine: for many shal retain a forme and outward profession of Godlines, but denie the power and efficacy of it.

1. Tim. 3. 5

The third signe, is signes in the Sunne Luk 21. 25. and in the Moone, & in the Stars, and Acts 2. 20. vpon the earth trouble vpon nations with

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with perplexity. The Sunne shall bee ruf-
 tied into darknesse, and the Moone into
 blood, before the great and notable day of
 the Lords come. This signe by frequen-
 cy and multitude of Eclipses, hath of la-
 ter years, and daily is fulfilled: likewise
 by terrible winde, tempests, meteors,
 and strange alterations in the ayre it is
 performed, and this our late experience
 can iustifie: but it shall bee perfectly ac-
 complished in the instant of Christ his se-
 cond coming and glorious appearing;
 for then he be the brightness of his gla-
 rious Spate, shall darken and suppress
 the light of Sunne, Moone, and Starres:
 and a little before this time the whole
 frame of the world shall bee shaken and
 Luk. 21. 26 moued, and the very brut and senselesse
 creatures shall beforeshadow perceiue and
 feele the power of Christ his coming,
 when all the reprobates shall remaine
 blockish and without feeling.

And thus much of mixt or continued
 signes.

Signes and fore-runners that are yet
 to come to passe are specially these five
 following.

First,

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First, the burning and utter desolation of Rome, the mother of fornication & idolatry, & the proper seat of Antichrist, this that it shall be so, is most manifest and apparent by Scripture, reasons, and authorities: First, the Scripture testifieth, that the great City shall bee divided Apo. 16. 16 into three parts; and great Babylon shall come in remembrance before God: and that the tenne horned or Kings shall hate cap. 17. 16. the whore, shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burne her with fire and most plainly in the 18 chap. verf. 8. her plagues shall come in one day, death, and sorrow, and hunger, and shee shall be vicerly burnt with fire, for strong is the Lord that iudgeth her. Whereupon the (Idolatrours) Kings of the earth, the Merchants, and every ship gouernour, and all they that occupy ships, and ship-men, Chap. 18.
verf. 9. 11.
17. 18. and as many as worke in the sea, shall bewaile her, lament her, weepe and cry at the sight and notice of her burning: but this is not yet come to passe: Likewise all the Church of God shall reioyce and praise God for his iust iudgements executed vpon the Whore, Apoc. 11. 20. and 19. 1. 2. Further reasons are these, God hath begun

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and Antichrist, and therefore seeing that it is builded and standeth upon a sandy foundation, having begun to fall, it must needs shortly fall when the rain of Gods severe judgement cometh, & the floods flow, and the windes blow and beat vpon it, and great must be the fall of it.

Secondly, The Easterne Babylon, a type of this Western Babylon (albeit she had nothing so much commotion, nor committed so heinous and manifold abominations as Rome hath done) long bitterly & many ages since destroyed, much more shall Rome it selfe, the mouth of hell and Satan his chamber, and Metropolis. Thirdly, all the Protestant and sound interpreters of the Apocalyps by one ioynt consent hold that Rome shall be ransacked and ruinated, and wholly consumed, and neuer more inhabited unless it be with devills.

Lastly (to omit the prophecy of Sibylla who saith that Rome in the tenth generation of men shall perish with fire here at the end of the world) the Papists themselves acknowledge thus much, and render reasons of it. Our Alchemists in their Annotations in Apoc. 17. say that Rome befores

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before the end of the world shall be come
the (care of Antichrist, Ribera upon the 1. o
chap. saith, it shall be the shoppe of all
Idolatrie. Vega the Jesuite in his commente
upon the 18. chapter saith that it
shall be the habitation of devils and crueltie
from the faith of Christ and hereupon
Vega and Ribera (both Jesuits) confesse
that Rome is the end of the world shall be
Babylon and burned, as they collect out
of the 18. chapter: and the Kings and
Marchants shall lament for her tormentes,
which saith Vega we must needs referre
to the last times before the end of the
world. Inheretore doubtlesse many be-
cause of present improbabilities can
medlesse doubts, yet shall the threatnings
and iudgments of God not fail to the
ground but be executed in their times. Mat. 24. 39

The second signe yet to be fulfilled is
the generall calling and conversion of the
nation of the Iewes (in the places and
countrie where they shall be and are
residing,) into the fulnesse of the Gentiles
is come into the church, and this shall be
the reuiuing and reioysing of the world
both in respect of Iewes and Gentiles,
and this is most plaine as by Lu. 21. 24.

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24. 2 Cor. 3. 19. & perhaps Zophonia 3. ver. 8. is especially Rom. 11. ver. 12. 15. 2. 6. This generall connection of them who daily expect to come to passe albeit we are ignorant of the manner and circumstances of it, but hereof I have treated at large in my exposition of the 11. chapter to the Romans.

Mat. 24. 24
Verse 25.

The third signe next succeeding and following in order is the arising of false Christs, and false prophets, that shall shew great signes and wonders: in so much that (if it were possible) they should deceive the very elect. Whereupon these people are admonished & instructed, that when they shall say, behold he is, in the secret places that they must not beleieve it. But it will be objected that there were such that tooke upon them the name of the Messiah and the King of Israel before the destruction of Ierusalem, and seduced and drew many after them (as we have examples in Theudas Acts 5. and in the Egyptian Acts 21.) I answer, here in this place Christ speaketh of false Christs that shall long after that time arise, and that shall seduce as well the Gentiles as the Iewes.

Secondly

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Verily these Christs do shew no
signes and wonders as these shall doe,
who shall labour by false miracles and
demoniacall illusions and conclusions to
gaine and procure credit and authoritie to
their false doctrine, and also in respect of
efficacie of error in the last generation or
age of the world, it may very well stand
that the sonne of man shall scarcely finde Luke 18. 8
faith vpon the earth when hee cometh
to iudgement.

The fourth signe, that is the last
generall signe, is a certaine hyntish secu-
ritie and an unspeakable drowsie-
ness of heart and spirit, so that man shalbe with-
out all feare of God, senselesse of all euill,
caring for no instructions & admonitions;
but living in pleasure and impietie &
not heeding nor taking notice of the signes
of Christs comming. Math. 24. 35. Luk. 21. 34
Luk. 17. 36. 1. Theil. 5. 3. so that the last 1 Theil. 5.
day shall come as a snare on al such; sudden 3. 4.
destruction shall come vpon them and
they shall in no wise escape, they shall not
be able to endure the day of his wrath;
much less be able to stand and iustifie
their cause in iudgement.

This hyntish securitie hath bene in
former

former ages, and much increaseth in these
our daies, but then it shall be much more
vniuersall and inextinguishable. *1. The last signe is the darkning of lights*
of heauen, and the roaring of the seas
Math. 24. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58. 59. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67. 68. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94. 95. 96. 97. 98. 99. 100. 101. 102. 103. 104. 105. 106. 107. 108. 109. 110. 111. 112. 113. 114. 115. 116. 117. 118. 119. 120. 121. 122. 123. 124. 125. 126. 127. 128. 129. 130. 131. 132. 133. 134. 135. 136. 137. 138. 139. 140. 141. 142. 143. 144. 145. 146. 147. 148. 149. 150. 151. 152. 153. 154. 155. 156. 157. 158. 159. 160. 161. 162. 163. 164. 165. 166. 167. 168. 169. 170. 171. 172. 173. 174. 175. 176. 177. 178. 179. 180. 181. 182. 183. 184. 185. 186. 187. 188. 189. 190. 191. 192. 193. 194. 195. 196. 197. 198. 199. 200. 201. 202. 203. 204. 205. 206. 207. 208. 209. 210. 211. 212. 213. 214. 215. 216. 217. 218. 219. 220. 221. 222. 223. 224. 225. 226. 227. 228. 229. 230. 231. 232. 233. 234. 235. 236. 237. 238. 239. 240. 241. 242. 243. 244. 245. 246. 247. 248. 249. 250. 251. 252. 253. 254. 255. 256. 257. 258. 259. 260. 261. 262. 263. 264. 265. 266. 267. 268. 269. 270. 271. 272. 273. 274. 275. 276. 277. 278. 279. 280. 281. 282. 283. 284. 285. 286. 287. 288. 289. 290. 291. 292. 293. 294. 295. 296. 297. 298. 299. 300. 301. 302. 303. 304. 305. 306. 307. 308. 309. 310. 311. 312. 313. 314. 315. 316. 317. 318. 319. 320. 321. 322. 323. 324. 325. 326. 327. 328. 329. 330. 331. 332. 333. 334. 335. 336. 337. 338. 339. 340. 341. 342. 343. 344. 345. 346. 347. 348. 349. 350. 351. 352. 353. 354. 355. 356. 357. 358. 359. 360. 361. 362. 363. 364. 365. 366. 367. 368. 369. 370. 371. 372. 373. 374. 375. 376. 377. 378. 379. 380. 381. 382. 383. 384. 385. 386. 387. 388. 389. 390. 391. 392. 393. 394. 395. 396. 397. 398. 399. 400. 401. 402. 403. 404. 405. 406. 407. 408. 409. 410. 411. 412. 413. 414. 415. 416. 417. 418. 419. 420. 421. 422. 423. 424. 425. 426. 427. 428. 429. 430. 431. 432. 433. 434. 435. 436. 437. 438. 439. 440. 441. 442. 443. 444. 445. 446. 447. 448. 449. 450. 451. 452. 453. 454. 455. 456. 457. 458. 459. 460. 461. 462. 463. 464. 465. 466. 467. 468. 469. 470. 471. 472. 473. 474. 475. 476. 477. 478. 479. 480. 481. 482. 483. 484. 485. 486. 487. 488. 489. 490. 491. 492. 493. 494. 495. 496. 497. 498. 499. 500. 501. 502. 503. 504. 505. 506. 507. 508. 509. 510. 511. 512. 513. 514. 515. 516. 517. 518. 519. 520. 521. 522. 523. 524. 525. 526. 527. 528. 529. 530. 531. 532. 533. 534. 535. 536. 537. 538. 539. 540. 541. 542. 543. 544. 545. 546. 547. 548. 549. 550. 551. 552. 553. 554. 555. 556. 557. 558. 559. 560. 561. 562. 563. 564. 565. 566. 567. 568. 569. 570. 571. 572. 573. 574. 575. 576. 577. 578. 579. 580. 581. 582. 583. 584. 585. 586. 587. 588. 589. 590. 591. 592. 593. 594. 595. 596. 597. 598. 599. 600. 601. 602. 603. 604. 605. 606. 607. 608. 609. 610. 611. 612. 613. 614. 615. 616. 617. 618. 619. 620. 621. 622. 623. 624. 625. 626. 627. 628. 629. 630. 631. 632. 633. 634. 635. 636. 637. 638. 639. 640. 641. 642. 643. 644. 645. 646. 647. 648. 649. 650. 651. 652. 653. 654. 655. 656. 657. 658. 659. 660. 661. 662. 663. 664. 665. 666. 667. 668. 669. 670. 671. 672. 673. 674. 675. 676. 677. 678. 679. 680. 681. 682. 683. 684. 685. 686. 687. 688. 689. 690. 691. 692. 693. 694. 695. 696. 697. 698. 699. 700. 701. 702. 703. 704. 705. 706. 707. 708. 709. 710. 711. 712. 713. 714. 715. 716. 717. 718. 719. 720. 721. 722. 723. 724. 725. 726. 727. 728. 729. 730. 731. 732. 733. 734. 735. 736. 737. 738. 739. 740. 741. 742. 743. 744. 745. 746. 747. 748. 749. 750. 751. 752. 753. 754. 755. 756. 757. 758. 759. 760. 761. 762. 763. 764. 765. 766. 767. 768. 769. 770. 771. 772. 773. 774. 775. 776. 777. 778. 779. 780. 781. 782. 783. 784. 785. 786. 787. 788. 789. 790. 791. 792. 793. 794. 795. 796. 797. 798. 799. 800. 801. 802. 803. 804. 805. 806. 807. 808. 809. 810. 811. 812. 813. 814. 815. 816. 817. 818. 819. 820. 821. 822. 823. 824. 825. 826. 827. 828. 829. 830. 831. 832. 833. 834. 835. 836. 837. 838. 839. 840. 841. 842. 843. 844. 845. 846. 847. 848. 849. 850. 851. 852. 853. 854. 855. 856. 857. 858. 859. 860. 861. 862. 863. 864. 865. 866. 867. 868. 869. 870. 871. 872. 873. 874. 875. 876. 877. 878. 879. 880. 881. 882. 883. 884. 885. 886. 887. 888. 889. 890. 891. 892. 893. 894. 895. 896. 897. 898. 899. 900. 901. 902. 903. 904. 905. 906. 907. 908. 909. 910. 911. 912. 913. 914. 915. 916. 917. 918. 919. 920. 921. 922. 923. 924. 925. 926. 927. 928. 929. 930. 931. 932. 933. 934. 935. 936. 937. 938. 939. 940. 941. 942. 943. 944. 945. 946. 947. 948. 949. 950. 951. 952. 953. 954. 955. 956. 957. 958. 959. 960. 961. 962. 963. 964. 965. 966. 967. 968. 969. 970. 971. 972. 973. 974. 975. 976. 977. 978. 979. 980. 981. 982. 983. 984. 985. 986. 987. 988. 989. 990. 991. 992. 993. 994. 995. 996. 997. 998. 999. 1000.

Ques. Why will not God reueale
vnto any the time and day of the last
iudgement?
Ans. Partly to bryde mans rash curiositie
that both search and dine into secrets that
are both impossible and vnlawfull to be
knowne. Secondly, that we should watch
and waite for his coming and make vs
ready every where. Mark. 13. 35. 36. 37.

Ques. Why doth God deferre and put
off the last iudgement so long?

Ans. First, that the number of his elect
might be all bozne, called and fulfilled,
& so gathered into the Church triumphant
in heauen. Secondly, to containe and keep
his people from astonishment of feare and
from abuse of his long patience. Lastly, to
leave the wicked and those that contemne
his grace offered vnto them, and abuse his
long suffering, without all excuse and
defence

Rom. 2. 4. 5

2 Pct. 3. 9.

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defence of themselves in the last day.

Vſe 1. The generall bſes of all theſe ſignes paſt, preſent and to come, are principally foure. Firſt, here are reſponed and condemned all ſuch who being led by their ſtome luſts and carnall reaſon, and not by holy ſcriptures beleeue not the laſt iudgement, but contemne and deride it. 2. Per. 3. ver. 3.

Whereas firſt this doctrine is plainly & abundantly ſet forth in the ſcriptures, Pſal. 50. 1. Act. 19. 42. Matt. 25. 31. Luke 18. 17. Rom. 2. 16. Hebrew. 9. 27. Job. 19. 25. Act. 3. 19. Act. 17. 31. 2 Cor. 5. 10. 1 Per. 4. Jude. ver. 14. et. 15. 2 Tim. 4. 8. Apoc. 1. Apoc. 20. ver. 12. 13. 14. 15.

Secondly, except there ſhould be a generall iudgement there neede no reſurrection. Laſtly, God could not ſhew himſelfe either perfectly iuſt in puniſhing and condemning the reprobates, nor perfectly mercifull in abſolving, ſauing and rewarding his ſervants.

Vſe 2. Secondly, ſeing that we know not the day nor the yeare of Iudgement, but onely the generall ſignes of it, it ſeruethto refute and reſell the pride and raſh curioſitie of thoſe, that eyther by ſained reue-

revelation, humane prophecies, arithmeticall supputation, position of stars, and humane conjectures and authorities, will calculate and call, yea and define the very time and years of Christs coming (as some did in the ancient Fathers times, & many defined that the world should end in 55.) but time & experience hath proved the folly and vanity of their conjectures.

Act. 1. 6.

Secondly, it is a thing both utterly unlabourable, and simply impossible for any man to know, or define the certaine and set time of Christs appearance, for it is not revealed to the very Elect angels, and Christ when he was upon the earth knew not the day. Mar. 24. 36. and 13. 32. much less can we know it.

Mat. 24. 42
& 44

Vse 3. The third vse is for instruction & admonition, that the goodly themselves (because many times they are in a kinde of slumber, and doe not alike cheerefully waite for Christs coming) might watch, pray, repent, make themselves ready and wait for the day and appearance of Christ that when Christ cometh to them whether by death, or at the last iudgement, they may be found waking, and walking in their Christian calling, and so ready with

Luk. 12. 42

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with good conscience to render unto the
Lord an account of their life & wardship.

Vse 4. The fourth vse is for the comfort of
last of the sound and sincere hearted
Christian whosoever. For he knowes the
nearer the signes are to their accomplish-
ment, the sooner shall hee be eased of the
burden of his finnes, deliuered from all
miseries, and be possessed with all ioy and
happinesse. Whereupon the godly are (vp-
on notice taken of the accomplishment of
these signes) exhorted to lift vp their Luk 21.28
heads, because their full redemption draw-
eth nigh, and they in the certaine hope &
expectation of this blessed day, are nota-
bly shielded and defended against all tem-
ptations & afflictions, Iob 25.19. 2 Cor. 4.

Vse 5. The last vse is for the terror & Apoc. 1.7.
conuincement of all impenitent, unbelé-
uing, profane rebellious persons, who in
this life would not submit & subiect them-
selues to be taught, ruled, and ordered by
Christ, his Gospell, and discipline: they
by reason of their unbeléffe and contempt
shall finde and feele Christ to be as a iust,
so an angry & seuerer Iudge to condemne
them to eternall & unspeakable torments.
Apoc. 6.15. 16. Luke 21.26. Mat. 25.41.
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2. **Behold God for Christ's sake** giving
 that we may take due notice of these
 signs, and be hereby effectually stirred
 up to prepare our selves against Christ's
 coming, that our souls may be
 ready to meet him, when he shall come to
 receive us. Amen.

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